

WEEKLY HERALD AND PHILANTHROPIST.

Wheat and its Market.

In Hunt's Magazine for April, Mr. Williams of Michigan, has an article on wheat and the importance of a home market. It contains the usual statistics designed to show how important the foreign market to the producers of the West and North-West, and how absolute is their dependence upon what is called, the Home market. The object is, to enlist them in the support of the system of protection. Like other papers of the same kind, it is loose in its calculations, and short-sighted in its views.

Our annual export of wheat to all the world, it is said, is 4,600,000 bushels, equal to a twenty-second part of the crop of 1843. This presentation of the subject does not lessen the importance of wheat viewed as an article of export. The proceeds are something like six or seven millions of dollars, and an advance of ten cents would be about half a million dollars gain to the producers. This certainly is something.

Massachusetts, it is stated, "is a better market for flour than all the world beside." This is a small mistake. She consumes nearly 200,000 bushels of wheat, while our average export to foreign ports is 4,600,000.

As for Massachusetts affording an adequate market for the West, it is grossly absurd. Say that the crop of wheat in Ohio is but 20,000,000 bushels. The population is 2,000,000, which, allowing five bushels to each person, consumes 10,000,000—leaving 10,000,000 for export.

Now, suppose Massachusetts drew her whole supply from Ohio, her consumption would amount to a little more than one-third.

But, when we recollect the vast amount of wheat raised by New-York, and the incalculable capacities of the wheat-growing region in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and the territories on our north-west, one cannot but marvel at the coolness with which these Home-makers attempt to impose their narrow notions and false statistics upon the people of the West.

Again, it is continually reiterated, that even were Britain to remove her tariff on grain, it would do us no good—we could not compete with the grain-growing regions of Europe. It is forgotten, that the demand in Britain, with the tariff removed, would goon increasing indefinitely—that the grain-raising districts of the North of Europe are limited in their power of production—and that our own wheat-growing region knows no limit. Let Britain change her system, and we would not fear to trust the energy and skill, of our farmers, conjointly with advantages peculiar to their position, against the competition of the world.

In 1843, the Home Industry Convention issued a report, designed to show how futile were all hopes of a profitable foreign market for American produce. Statistics were given, of course, from which it appeared that while our agricultural products had been increasing immensely, the exportation of them had been steadily falling off. In fifty years, the report said, our export of Beef had diminished "nearly one-half, and that of Pork about one-fourth." This was deemed conclusive, and the American Agriculturalist exclaimed—

"Surely our grain-growing and meat-producing States must see great encouragement for the future, in the decreasing demand for our articles of northern and western produce. It is quite unreasonable to deem the abstractions and politicians, that the farmers should think of seeking an outlet for their products among their own manufacturers, who are willing to take them in exchange, for what the market presents them, which have found after 50 years' experience, Europeans will not do."

The British Government had before that, modified its duties on provisions, but the results had not been embodied in an official form. Meantime, all the home-market prints were ridiculing the idea of the West receiving any benefit from the change. The farmer and stock-breeders of the West would scarcely feel the difference, but, what are the facts? Examine for yourselves.

In 1840, the value of the following article, exported, was:

Beef, tallow, hides, horned cattle, &c. \$605,373
Lard, bacon, five tons, tallow, &c. 1,346,401
Total. \$2,026,774

During the year ending September 30, 1842, the values of the following exports stood thus:

Beef, tallow, &c. \$1,216,200
Bacon, lard, &c. 386,163
Pork, bacon, lard, &c. 2,029,400
Total. \$4,221,763

For nine months, ending June 30th, 1843, the values were:

Beef, tallow, &c. \$1,005,269
Bacon, lard, &c. 506,969
Pork, bacon, lard, &c. 2,190,959
Total. \$3,602,197

Total for nine months, \$37,931,952.

There can be little doubt that the total amount of exports for the whole of the year 1843, including the last quarter, must have been near five millions—and by this time, the amount is probably more than double that of 1840.

These are facts against theories. That the late removal by the British Government of the duties from Lard Oil, &c., will prove of vast additional benefit to our agricultural interests, no reasonable man can help believing.

The effect of these changes on prices is every where felt, especially by the householders, who, without thinking of the cause, sometimes wonder why he should now be compelled to pay 61 cents for beef that he bought a year or two ago, for three and four cents per pound.

Let Great Britain remove her duties on grain, and although similar effects might not follow so soon, they would take place just so soon as the conviction became universal, that no matter how large the quantity of wheat raised, the farmer might calculate upon a certain market for the whole of it. In view of these considerations, we certainly are opposed to all commercial regulations on our part, calculated to awaken a spirit of retaliation, and thus retard the progress of nations towards the only safe, stable, truly beneficial, and Christian policy—Free Trade.

Important from Texas.

The New Orleans Picayune of the 15th, gives a few additional items of intelligence from Texas of some importance. The French charge, M. Saligny, and Ashbel Smith, Texas Secretary of State, came passengers in the New-York steam ship from Galveston. The Picayune was told, that the former asserted in two letters, that he was the author of the two letters, and that the latter was written by Major Donelson, our Minister.—The Picayune on the authority of two letters, says, that President Jones had returned to Washington, and that our Minister had been treated so cavalierly, that he spoke of with drawing from the seat of Government, to Galveston.

"This intelligence is from sources so direct, as to leave no room to doubt its accuracy. From all that we learn we are constrained to believe, that if a rupture with Major Donelson would assist in disintegrating the union with the acquisition of the people, President Jones would edify the nation with another exequo proclamation."

Wayland and Fuller's Discussion.—The Boston Chronicle, speaking of the discussion before the House, says—"Of course, there is little hope of its circulation in the land of darkness and dreams at the South."

Why so hopeless? Already the National Intelligencer is strongly recommended the pamphlet, and some of the Southern papers speak of the discussion in a strain of high commendation.

Great Failure of a House concerned in the American Trade.—A London paper of 15th March states that a heavy failure had just taken place in Glasgow, Scotland; the house of Messrs. Paton & Co., "who are largely concerned in the American trade," having stopped payment.—Their liabilities are said to be upwards of \$800,000.

Colored People of Cincinnati.
AND PHILANTHROPIST.

W. H. Moore & Co. have on hand a fine assortment of agricultural works. They have laid upon our table "The American Agriculturist," designed to improve the Planter, the Farmer, the Stock-Breeder, and the Horticulturist. A. B. Allen and R. L. Allen, Editors: New York, published by Saxon & Mills. There are three volumes of the work, strongly and handsomely bound, extending from April, 1842, to December, 1844. It contains a great deal of matter highly valuable to the classes for which it is especially designed, and much that is interesting to the general reader. It certainly stands among the foremost agricultural works in the Union.

We shall glean some of the most valuable facts presented by the Report.

Number, age, &c., of the colored people:

Under 5 years, 198
From 5 to 21, 748
From 21 to 75, 1889
Over 75, 14
Total, 2049

Males, Females, 977
Persons who can read and write, 1027
Agricultural, 343
Number belonging to Temperance societies, 509
Number belonging to Churches, 700
Number in Free School, 364
Those who have been slaves, 369
Have paid for their redemption, \$166,450
Average price, 156,100
Amount of private property now held by them in the city, \$156,100
Number of churches, 1
Many of them own land and farms in the country: 34
Mechanics, 98
Running on River, 77
Laborers, 158
Wetshavers, 31
Drapers, &c., 19
They have 3 literary Associations, 3
Number of schools, 3
One of these is the High School, established by the citizens, with 130 scholars.

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Melodies, by J. T. Sullivan, adopted to airs selected from the German, Italian, and French composers. Philadelphia: George G. Appleton. Far sale by H. W. Derby & Co., Main st., Cincinnati.

This little book, of more than 200 pages duodecimo, is a collection of short and simple stories in French, for young children. It is suited to beginners in the study of that language, the stories being in simple style, and the accompanying vocabulary giving all needful facilities.

The Book of the Army: comprising a General Military History of the United States, from the period of the Resolution to the present time, with particular accounts of all the most celebrated battles. Compiled from the best authorities, by John Frost, L. L. D., Professor of Belles Lettres in the High School of Philadelphia. New York: D. Appleton & Co. For sale by H. W. Derby & Co., Main st., Cincinnati.

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Melodies, by J. T. Sullivan,

Wednesday, April 30, 1845.

The Change, and the Reason—Read this and you will be satisfied.

I have reposed much confidence in my subscribers, and tried occasionally to initiate them into the mysteries of publishing. A paragraph in a late number of the *Liberty Herald*, of a very unkind character, from the pen of its new publisher, which would not have been written by an old anti-slavery man, induces me to believe that a few moments converse with my readers respecting the change in the terms of the paper, may not be without benefit. I cannot do better than introduce the subject, by the following note from a friend whose practical knowledge understands something of the difficulties of publishing.

—*Dear Bailey.—I am very glad to see that you have put your paper up to a remunerating price. It has always been a matter of regret to me, that you reduced it to one dollar. As an old subscriber I am willing to pay the additional sum charged, but I know it is only the way that the good anti-slavery paper can be sustained, and I hope every subscriber will renew his own, and procure another subscriber.*

Samuel Lewis.

I have been the editor of the *Philanthropist* nearly ten years. For nearly three years I have been its publisher, and the sole responsibility of the concern, pecuniary and editorial, has devolved on me. Like all papers which have had to contend with a strong public sentiment, it has demanded the most unremitting attention and economy to sustain it. Before I became its proprietor, it was a heavy burthen on the committee who published. Since then, I have not received no donations, and have conducted it without any aid, from anti-slavery men such as they give to their tailors;—then *ha ha ha*—the worth of what they paid for.

A little better than a year ago, actuated by a desire to extend the circulation of the paper, so as to disseminate more widely anti-slavery sentiment, and by a disposition to interfere as little as possible with local liberty papers, I commenced the plan of reducing my terms, until, finally, with many misgivings, I lowered the price to \$1 per annum. It was a hazardous experiment, but a large amount of arrears being due, I thought it might venture for one year.

No money, it was evident, could be made on such a plan—much would probably be lost—6000 subscribers at one dollar would yield only as much as \$6000 at two dollars, while the expenses of press-work and paper would be precisely doubled. The plan, besides, rendered it impossible to employ agents to procure subscribers, at a commission—for \$1 per annum was the lowest possible point.

Now, observe how it operated:

1. Much interest was at first manifested, and after many appeals, the friends of the paper carried the list up to 6000. *There it stuck.* That was not enough to make it pay.

2. I had calculated largely on the arrears, and from week to week, explicitly stated to subscribers, that until they paid up their arrears, and paid one dollar a year in advance, they would be charged at the old rate of \$2. This was fair; and it was absolutely necessary, for credit on the one dollar plan, was of the question. That plan would not allow the loss of a farthing. But, many lingered in the payment of their arrears—and many others, when they came to settle, contrived in various ways, to persuade me to charge them only at the rate of one dollar. Some would throw up the paper, if I declined!

3. I was driven to the necessity at least, of a rigid adoption of the cash system, requiring payment in *every case in advance*. A time was fixed for the plan to go into operation. Notices were given privately and publicly from week to week, for the space of nearly three months before that time, to subscribers in arrears, and to subscribers whose subscriptions might expire at that time, that on the day fixed, unless payment were made, and their subscriptions were renewed, they would be cut off. No proper means was left untried, to bring the thing to their attention. Every one must see, that if I had permitted subscribers to go on, for one dollar, without exacting payment in advance, it would have broken down before the end of the year. For, some subscribers die; some become bankrupt; some forget; some neglect; so that you must always employ a collector where you credit. How could I have employed a collector at 12% per cent., or twenty-five cents a subscriber, when my terms required but one dollar a year? This would have left me seventy-five cents to a subscriber, to sustain a large, hand-somely printed, double medium sheet, carefully edited, and one of the best nothing of the papers in the West! To say nothing of the many non-paying subscribers, who would have hung like a dead weight on the concern!

Well, the time came—and how many think you, was I obliged to strike off? *Just fifteen hundred*, the majority of them, no doubt, wondering why it was necessary to stop their papers, when I might have known they would pay!

Enough said. The experiment has cost me more than I would like to say, was not fit that it should be an object of charity. But one course remained—and that was to *raise the price*. I have done so, but in raising the price to the ordinary standard, I have also enlarged the paper to mammoth size, so that it will still be cheaper than the country papers generally.

If my subscribers will continue their patronage, and interest themselves to increase my list, as (some as I doubt will fall off), so that I can extiricate myself fairly from the difficulties with which I have become entangled, I shall not regret my experiment. It will have accomplished at least, one important good—that of a wider circulation of anti-slavery sentiment in the West, than could have been otherwise effected.

I have thus frankly laid the whole case before my readers. If they deem it of importance to sustain a paper which is the pioneer of Free Discussion in the West, and which three successive mobs have not yet been powerful enough to prostrate, though they succeeded in destroying its presses, they will, of course not, so much as consider it. If they think the work can be better accomplished by other instrumentalities, they will act accordingly. For my own part, I shall stick by the *Philanthropist* till all my means are exhausted, and, unless it die, I shall permit no one to bury it but myself.

Youth's Visitor—An Offer.

—*To encourage the patrons of the *Youth's Visitor*, the publisher has concluded to send to every boy or girl, forwarding the names of four new subscribers, with the money, one copy gratis, for one year. Here's a chance, now, for the young folk. Almost every one, by a little effort, can procure four subscribers.*

This privilege is only granted for a limited time. Remember that.

The Press and Pulpit.—F. Kennet, an editor in St. Louis, recently inflicted personal chastisement on Mr. Linn, the pastor of the Central Church in that city. It was a mean act.

The Convention Carried!

We rejoice in being able to state that the Assembly of our State, has, after full and protracted discussion, passed the bill allowing the People to decide whether there shall or shall not be a Constitutional Reform Convention.

*Now, for the sake of the *Children of the Church*, let us pray for Maria Roche, aged eighty-one.*

Freedom of Thought—Freedom of Utterance.

In what we said yesterday respecting the Catholic and Protestant churches, we did not design to disparage them or to place them on the same level, as it regards freedom of opinion, or benefit to mankind. Nor did we intend to reflect upon the Presbyterian church, by selecting it as an example of what might be expected were it associated with the State, and could it exercise the civil power to enforce uniformity, without detriment to itself. Our great object was, to show that so far from its being desirable to have one church, one universal ecclesiastical organization, civil and religious liberties were most effectually protected by the multiplication of churches and sects.

The reaction of Mind against spiritual or physical bondage, is always excessive, always fearful—running into Atheism in the one case, and Anarchy in the other. But, any man of common sense must see, that in either case, the evil in the natural result, not of Freedom of mind or of body, but of the spiritual or civil tyranny, which has so long been adding wrong to wrong, and heaping up wrath against the day of wrath.

required to believe, without examination, upon simple authority. In the hour of their awakening, multitudes feel their rights, they know that the Church has been a usurper, a tyrant of the worst kind, because a spiritual tyrant; depraved, ignorant, and blinded by passion, the Church and Religion in their eyes are one—God and the Priest are one—so that their contempt and hatred against the tyrannical, corrupt Church, are also directed against Him who, they imagine, has authorized its oppressions—and the glory of the incorruptible God is disregarded for the worship of *Reason*, now looked upon as the sole Regenerator and Deity in the world of Mind!

Let Oregon alone. Let the country be set aside by those who may choose to go there, and let these settlers, in the exercise of the democratic principle of self-government, determine what to do with themselves.

Good News for the Great Convention. We have received a letter from North Carolina with several names appended to the call for this Convention, that we hope, that five Slave States, at least, will be represented.—Only think of it! a Liberty Convention in 1845, attended by persons from some ten or twelve Free States, and four, five or six Slave States. Every thing assures us that it will be a great Convention.

From Cincinnati, we have received a very large number of names, as might have been expected. But, it may be taken for granted, that more could be got to sign the call here, than we should find room to put in our paper. We shall therefore publish only the first column of names we have received from the city, economizing as much room as possible for the signatures of a distance. The following are some of the signers since our last publication of the call.

Oregon and its Claims. It now seems probable that had the Senate last winter passed the bill for the occupation of Oregon, which was adopted by the House, we should have had a war with England, upon our hands. The debate in the British Parliament, of which we gave some notice yesterday, is the ground for this opinion. The declaration by Mr. Polk in his Inaugural, which gave so much offence to the pride of the English government, was as follows:

“Oregon is a clear and unquestionable; and it is our duty to our people to prepare to defend it, by occupying it with their wives and children.”

The London Times, which is supposed to utter the feelings of the government on this subject, and also of the great body of the English people, commenting upon this declaration, says:

“Our position in the matter is a defensive, not that altogether passive, one. England desires an amicable adjustment; but if that should not succeed, we shall have a war with our neighbors, and they would secure uniformity if of their own accord, to do it to their own satisfaction, and should he succeed, he will hardly satisfy any body else. His new creed will be a starting point for controversy. So it is with creeds, so far from securing harmony, they will be a source of纷争.

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From the Columbian Magazine
The Life-preserving Coffin.
By SARA SMITH.

[At the late fair of the American Institute, held at Nibbs's Garden, in New York, there was exhibited a unique article—a "life-preserving" coffin, invented by Mr. Eisenhardt, of Baltimore.

An editor of one of the papers who witnessed the singularities of the object, was led to examine it, describes it as being "a box, which holds the dead when it is empty; it won't be so much as spoiling your clothes—better lose it; people deserve to lose debts who lend umbrellas."

And I should like to add, "Oh, don't tell me that I said I would go—that's nothing to do with it, nothing at all. She'll think I'm neglecting her and the little money we were to have, we shan't go to your club, and as you like—and then, then, then, she'll be a poor dear child."

The children, too! Dear things! They'll be sopping wet for they shan't stop at—then they won't have their learning; it's all the fault of the weather, you know. But you'd go to school. Don't tell me I said they shouldn't; you are so aggravating. Cauld, you'd spoil the temper of an angel. The old girl would mark that. And if any of them cost of, and then have the key to the lock left with the tomb. Who also would have the tomb provided with a bell that could be rung by its inmates?"

They had her in the coffin. When the breath of life had fled. And soot went beneath her head. And round her form was folded A robe of silver white.

She lay in the cheerful light.

But near those lifeless fingers was placed a little spring.

To the tomb the mourners came, And back to their cheerless dwelling.

There was still to be a resting; For the door is bolted tight;

None shall disturb the sleepers of that quiet night.

The door is barred and bolted, But the lock hath so been planned, That a key within turns only the bolt.

And in her silent dwelling, A bell of sullen tone,

Is hung where none can move it, Sighs, and groans, and weeps.

There long she lay, her heart, And many a stricken mourner,

Had gone about the street,

And mourned for her—

She called to her husband, And to her darling boy.

"And arise, O husband! Come, The solemn bell is ringing;

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Push forth to the grave-yard, And lay her to her last sleep;

And that strong door is opened, Where sleep the lovely dead.

And there they are, their daughter, And their son, their darling boy,

With their little home—

The moon is over head,

And in their homes the living—

But there's one lonely watcher,

Over whom sleep hath no power;

She looks out from the window,

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